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Lee Levine has represented media clients in libel, invasion of privacy, reporter's privilege, access, copyright, and related First Amendment cases for more than 35 years. In the U.S. Supreme Court, he has argued for the media defendants in *Harte-Hanks Communications, Inc. v. Connaughton* and *Bartnicki v. Vopper*. Mr. Levine also has litigated in the courts of more than 20 states and the District of Columbia, and has appeared in most federal appeals courts and in the highest courts of more than a dozen states.

Mr. Levine served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center from 1989 to 2016. He is the lead author of the treatise *Newsgathering and the Law*, now in its fifth edition; he co-authored the casebook *Media and the Law*, now in its second edition; and most recently, together with Professor Stephen Wermiel, he co-authored *The Progeny: Justice William J. Brennan's Fight to Preserve the Legacy of New York Times v. Sullivan*, published by the American Bar Association Press to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that landmark decision.

Mr. Levine was one of the founding attorneys of the highly regarded First Amendment boutique law firm Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz in 1997, which merged with Ballard Spahr in October 2017.

Judicial Clerkship

Hon. Irving R. Kaufman, then-Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Professional Activities

ABA Forum on Communications Law, past Chair

Media Law Resource Center, Defense Counsel Section, past President

District of Columbia Bar, Publications Committee, past Chair

District of Columbia Bar, Media Law Committee, past Chair

Practising Law Institute, Communications Law in the Digital Age, Co-Chair

First Amendment Salon, Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Georgetown University Law Center, Adjunct Professor, 1989-2016

Southwestern Law School, Adjunct Professor, Media Litigation, 2009-2010

Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Adjunct Faculty, Comparative Media Law, Lyon, France, 2009-2010

Bureau of National Affairs, Media Law Reporter Advisory Board

Charles Fahy American Inn of Court, past Master of the Bench

Fred Friendly Seminars, Inc., past Board of Directors member

Recognition & Accomplishments

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Star Individual and Senior Statesman, First Amendment litigation

The Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year for First Amendment Law, 2011 and 2016; Lawyer of the Year for Media Law, 2013; top First Amendment, First Amendment litigation, and media lawyer in Washington, D.C., 2000-2018

Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers, media & advertising, 2007-2017

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating

Publications

The Progeny: Justice William J. Brennan's Fight to Preserve the Legacy of New York Times v. Sullivan, American Bar Association, 2014

Newsgathering and the Law, Lexis Law Publishing, 5th ed., 2018

Media and the Law, Lexis Nexis, 2d ed., 2014

"The Court and the Cannonball: An Inside Look," 65 *American University Law Review* 101, 2016

“The Landmark That Wasn’t: A First Amendment Play In Five Acts,” 88 *University of Washington Law Review* 1, 2013

“The First Amendment and National Security,” *National Security Law in the News: A Guide for Journalists, Scholars and Policymakers*, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security and Medill School of Journalism, 2012

“Handcuffing the Press: First Amendment Limitations on the Reach of Criminal Statutes as Applied to the Media,” 55 *New York Law School Law Review* 101, 2011

“Implied Libel, Defamatory Meaning, and State of Mind: The Promise of *New York Times v. Sullivan*,” 78 *Iowa Law Review* 237, 1993

“*Branzburg* Revisited: Confidential Sources and First Amendment Values,” 57 *George Washington Law Review* 13, 1988

“Judge and Jury in the Law of Defamation,” 35 *American University Law Review* 1, 1985

“The Editorial Function and the *Gertz* Public Figure Standard,” 87 *Yale Law Journal* 1723, 1978

“18th Annual Silha Lecture,” *Newsgathering on Trial: The Supreme Court and the Press in the 21st Century*, University of Minnesota’s Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law

Education

Yale Law School (J.D. 1979)

Managing Editor, *Yale Law Journal*

University of Pennsylvania (B.A., M.A. 1976, *summa cum laude*)

Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois